



Historical Commission

T-PCHC MINUTES

The Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission (T-PCHC) met in the Attorney's Conference Room, City Hall, 7th floor, 255 West Alameda, Tucson, Arizona, at 12:03 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13, 2006.

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Members Present:

Teresita Majewski, Chair
Norma Niblett, Vice Chair
Sybil Needham
Gerald Juliani
Gal Witmer
Annette Campbell

Kathy Nabours
Chauncey Meyer
Joe Joaquin
Patsy Waterfall
Peter Booth
Sharon Chadwick

Members Absent:

Steven Herzog
Jonathan Mabry
Demion Clinco
Renee RedDog

Mark Insley
Santee Brooke
Bettina Lyons

Others Present:

Marty McCune	Historic Preservation Program Manager, City of Tucson Urban Planning and Design
Roger Anyon	Staff Member, Pima County Cultural Resources and Historic Preservation Office
Kristi Jenkins	Administrative Assistant, City of Tucson Urban Planning and Design
Debra Counsellor	Recording Secretary, City of Tucson City Clerk's Office

2. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes of November 8, 2006
- B. Approval of Plans Review Subcommittee Actions from the meeting of November 9, 2006.
- C. Approval of Expenditures as Recommended by the Budget Subcommittee at the meeting of December 13, 2006.
 1. Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association, Inc., for the 26th La Reunión de El Fuerte.
 2. City of Tucson Historic Preservation Program for the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions.

It was moved by Commissioner Niblett, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 12 to 0 (Steve Herzog, Jonathan Mabry, Santee Brooke, Mark Insley, Demion Clinco, Bettina Lyons, and Renee RedDog absent) to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

3. Chairperson's Summary of Current Events

No report was given.

4. Appointments to Committees and to T-PCHC Subcommittees

No appointments were made at this time.

5. Reports from City and County Staff

A. City of Tucson Historic Preservation Program Manager (Marty McCune)

Marty McCune reported:

1. A memo from Greg Shelko, Director, Rio Nuevo Project, was distributed to the commission members. The memo contained information that was sent to the funding bodies for the Origins Capital Funding Request. The Rio Nuevo Citizens Advisory Committee had approved the funding. The City would be going before the Rio Nuevo Multipurpose Facilities Board, the Rio Nuevo/Downtown, Arts, Culture and History Mayor and Council Subcommittee, and the Mayor and Council for approval of the funding request for Origins and related infrastructures. The total funding request would be fifty-three million seven hundred thousand dollars in tax increment funds (TIF). Construction of the Origins site should begin in May 2007, which would coincide with the opening of the Presidio Project.
2. The proposal for the operations side of Tucson Origins would be to establish a division of Parks and Recreation with a strong non-profit aspect. This structure would be similar to how the zoo operates. The City would be forming a new non-profit organization called Tucson Origins, Inc.
3. Parks and Recreation would operate the Presidio, since it was part of the Origins Heritage Park. The Presidio Trust for Historic Preservation had donated some funds for the interpretive elements. The Presidio would be opening in May 2007, and would be available for events and activities.
4. The demolition of the old YMCA building had been completed.
5. Morgan Rider would be completing the National Register nomination for the El Hoyo Neighborhood.
6. Janet Parkhurst and Ralph Comey were working to complete the National Register nomination for the Menlo Park Neighborhood.
7. The City would be submitting a National Register grant for the Jefferson Park and Santa Rosa Neighborhoods.
8. Brooks Jeffery would be continuing to work on the National Register nomination for the Rincon Heights Neighborhood.
9. The Rialto Block was under construction. The owner wanted to demolish a building in the back. It was built during the historical period, but it was an addition, and not a character-defining feature. The recommendation would be to let the owner demolish it.

B. Pima County Cultural Resources Manager (Linda Mayro)

Roger Anyon reported:

1. The rehabilitation of buildings 103 and 105 at the Canoa Ranch was underway. The Canoa Ranch Master Plan was close to completion. Corky Poster would give an update to the Commission when the plan was complete.
2. Contracts were in place to construct a five-mile segment through the Canoa Ranch property of the Anza Trail. There was also a contract in place to construct a trailhead on Abrego Road in Green Valley. Construction would begin in January 2007, and should be finished in July 2007.
3. The Steam Pump Ranch in Oro Valley had been purchased.
4. The developer had set aside thirteen acres in the core of the Honey Bee Village for the County as an archaeological preserve.
5. A seventy-two-inch sewer line would be going in along the Santa Cruz River from Prince Road to Franklin Street.
6. Twenty-one burial features were excavated at the Joint Courts Project. Seven of the features contained complete individuals, and fourteen were partial individuals. In the military section, the burials had been partially disinterred in the nineteenth century for reburial elsewhere, but in the civilian section, they had not. The county's Web page for the project would be updated on a regular basis.
7. The Pima County Historic Preservation Office would be moving from the 7th floor to the 6th floor of the Public Works Building.

6. T-PCHC Subcommittee/Other Committee and Task Force Status Reports

A. T-PCHC Ordinance Revision Subcommittee (Sharon Chadwick)

No report was given.

B. T-PCHC Plans Review Subcommittee (Terry Majewski)

Chair Majewski stated the Plans Review Subcommittee meeting of December 14, 2006, would be held in the 7th floor Attorney's conference room.

C. T-PCHC Rules and Regulations Subcommittee (Santee Brooke)

No report was given.

D. T-PCHC Transportation Subcommittee (Sharon Chadwick)

No report was given.

E. Downtown Links Citizens Advisory Committee (Gerald Juliani)

Commissioner Juliani stated the Downtown Links Citizens Advisory Committee met on December 10, 2006. The Advisory Committee approved the alignment that would end at 7th Street. Commissioner Juliani voted against the alignment

because they were unable to tell him how they would be complying with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

F. **Downtown Neighborhoods Advisory Committee (Terry Majewski)**

Chair Majewski stated the Downtown Alliance office had moved to La Placita Village.

G. **Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area Working Group (Jonathan Mabry)**

Marty McCune stated there would be interviews on December 22, 2006, for a Program Manager.

7. Tucson Preservation Foundation Update (Sharon Chadwick)

Commissioner Chadwick stated she was continuing to work on getting the Tucson Preservation Foundation up and running and would be giving a complete report in February 2007.

8. Support letters for Heritage Fund grant proposals (Marty McCune)

It was moved by Commissioner Juliani, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 12 to 0 (Steve Herzog, Jonathan Mabry, Sandee Brooke, Mark Insley, Demion Clinco, Bettina Lyons, and Renee RedDog absent) to send letters of support for the Jefferson Park Neighborhood and the Santa Rosa Neighborhood National Register nominations.

9. Commissioners' Summary of Current Events

Commissioner Juliani announced the proposed developer of the Franklin Loading Docks would be giving a presentation on December 13, 2006, at the Steinfield Warehouse.

Commissioner Niblett announced she attended the dedication of Brandi Fenton Memorial Park. She stated the park would be huge, and the park theme was butterflies.

10. Call to the Audience

There were no requests to speak.

11. Future Agenda Items

Chair Majewski announced there would not be a meeting in January 2007. She also announced the February agenda would contain items for the Preservation Awards and the Birthday Subcommittees. She stated the Canoa Master Plan update and Transportation update would also be on the February agenda.

12. Adjournment 12:55 p.m.